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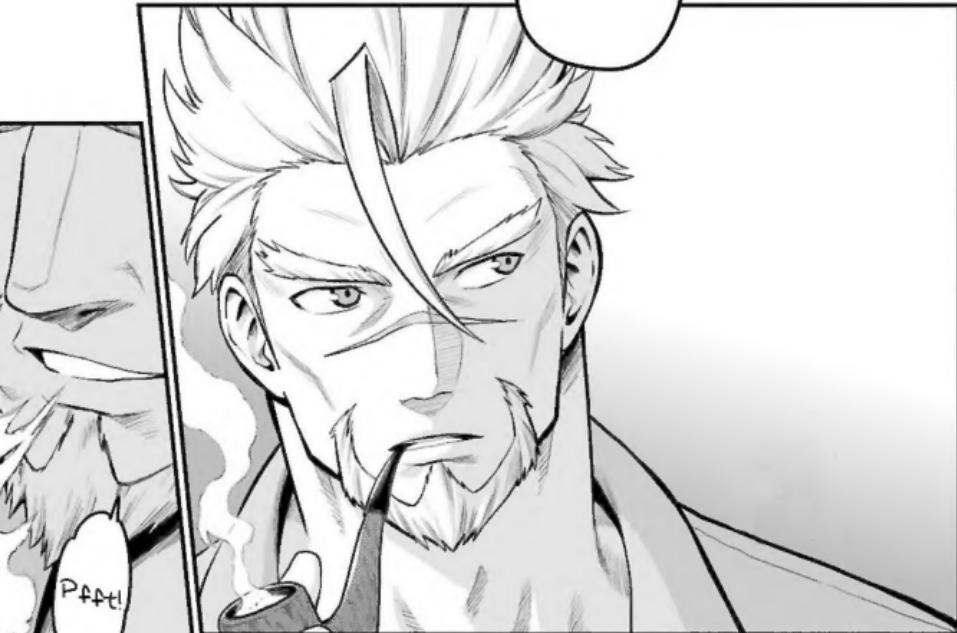
CHAPTER 17: A BIZARRE PAINTER, PART 2



INDEED, IT HAS BEEN A WHILE,

JUDOM-SAMA.

★ THE SUPER BIGSHOT GUILD MASTER OF THE HUMAN COUNTRY APPEARS!



GLUTTONOUS, BOOK-LOVING "LONER" HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OKAMURA HIRO IS FLUNG INTO ANOTHER WORLD! HIRO'S CONFIRMED TITLE IS «INNOCENT BYSTANDER»? HIRO, WHO USES «WORD MAGIC», MAGIC THAT EMBODIES THE DEFINITION OF A WORD, EMBARKS ON HIS OWN ADVENTURE. FELLOW TRAVELERS ARNOLD, MUIR AND WI HAVE JOINED HIS PARTY, BUT WHAT AWAITS THEM IN «BEAST COUNTRY»...?

YOU'RE A
PROMINENT
CAPTAIN
RIGHT NOW,
AREN'T
YOU?!

STOP
WITH THE
"SAMA",
VALE!

WA
HA
HA
!!



HP



OH, TAKE
A SEAT.

I-I SEE
THAT YOU
HAVE NOT
CHANGED,
JUDOM-
SAMA.



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IT'S THEIR
ERA NOW,
RIGHT?

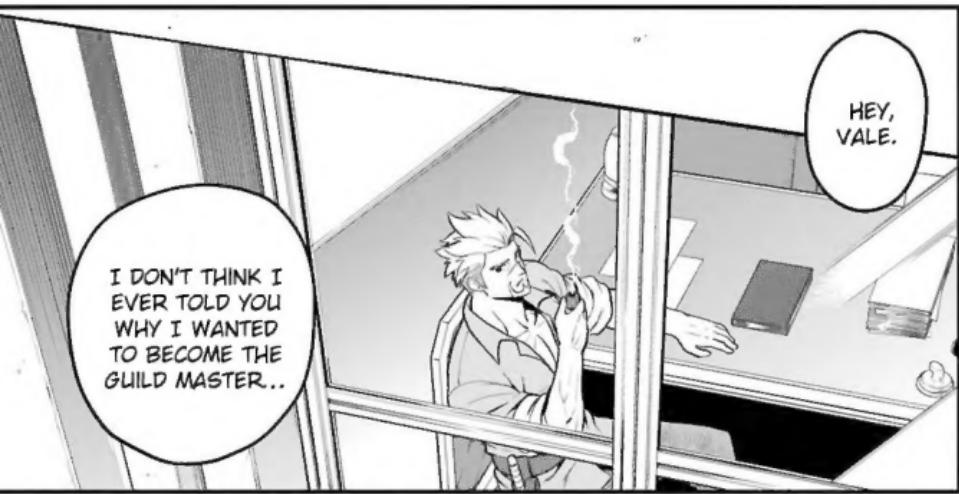
THE HERO
SUMMONING,
I MEAN.

YOU SAID
EARLIER TO
LEAVE THE
FRONT LINES
TO THE
YOUNG ONES.

I WOULD ASK
YOU TO
TEACH THOSE
YOUNG ONES
HOW TO
FIGHT!

WHAT?

IT IS FOR
THAT
VERY
REASON,
SIR!



INDEED, I'D RESORTED TO RELYING ON FAITH.

I PRAYED EVERY DAY THAT SOMEONE WOULD BRING PEACE TO THIS WORLD.

"WHY DOES THIS COUNTRY—THIS CONTINENT—KEEP WAGING WAR?"

WHEN I WAS AN ADVENTURER, I ALWAYS WONDERED THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER.

I FOUGHT, OF COURSE, SINCE I HAD MANY THINGS I THOUGHT WERE WORTH PROTECTING.

BUT THE RACIAL CONFLICTS HAD INTENSIFIED AND HAD DRAGGED OUR COUNTRY INTO WAR...

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE GUILD MASTER OF THAT TIME DID?

AND AS A RESULT,
THE ADVENTURERS'
COMMAND CHAIN
WAS IN SHAMBLES,
AND MANY LIVES
THAT COULD'VE
BEEN SAVED WERE
LOST.



HE ABUSED HIS
AUTHORITY AS
THE GUILD
MASTER AND
RAN AWAY TO
SAVE HIS OWN
HIDE.

HE WENT FAR
AWAY.



I AIMED TO BE IN
THE ONE AND ONLY
POSITION WHERE
I'M ALLOWED TO
CORRECT THE
KING'S MISTAKES...
IT WAS THE BEST I
COULD DO AS AN
ADVENTURER.

BLIT...

SO I
DESPERATELY
GREW
STRONGER
TO BECOME
THE NEW
GUILD
MASTER.

IT WAS THE
KING WHO
APPOINTED
THAT MAN
AS THE
GUILD
MASTER.



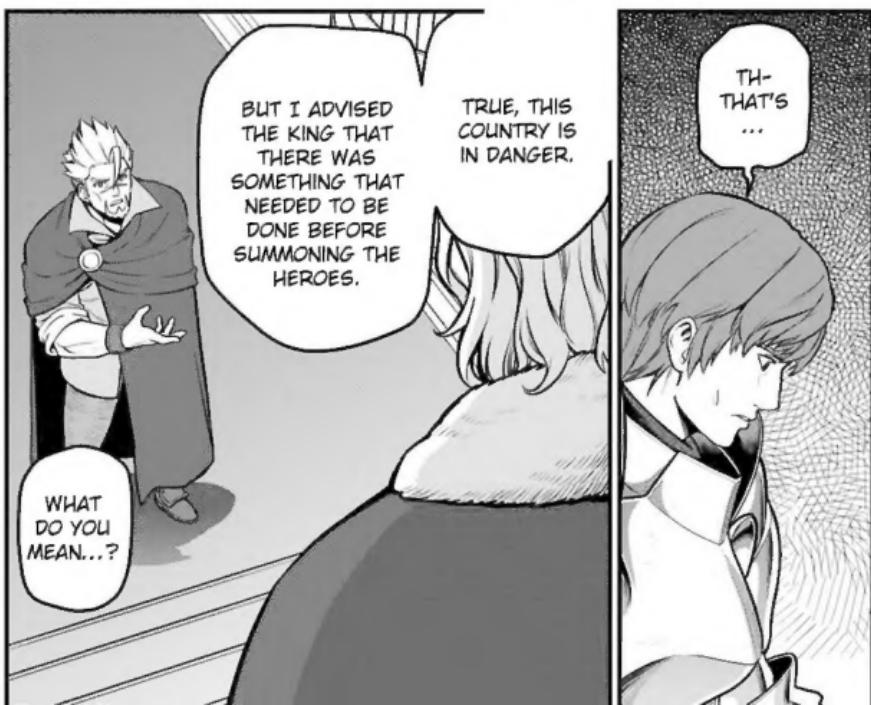
MADE
ANOTHER
MISTAKE.

THE
KING



AND SO,
THE GUILD
MASTER
COULD ACT
AS ANOTHER
KING OF THE
COUNTRY.

THE KING
WOULD GIVE
ME THE
AUTHORITY TO
TAKE CRITICAL
ACTION DURING
EMERGENCIES.







**ONE DOES
NOT SIMPLY
GRIEVE OVER
THE DEATHS
OF ONE'S
DAUGHTERS!!!**

IS THIS THE
WILLPOWER OF
A RETIRED
ADVENTURER...?!

!!

!!

...

THERE ARE
SOME GOOD
BEASTKIN
AND GOOD
DEMONKIN,
YOU KNOW.

BUT THE TRUTH
IS, MOST
PEOPLE ARE
UNINFORMED
OF THAT...

SIGH...
EITHER WAY, IF
HE HAD JUST
CONSULTED ME, I
WOULD'VE GONE
TO WHEREVER
THE CONFERENCE
WOULD'VE BEEN
HELD AT.

THERE'S A
NEW KING
OF THE
DEMONKIN,
YOU KNOW?

WHAT
...?!

BUT IT'S STILL
TRUE THAT THE
KING OF THE
DEMONKIN
WANTS TO
DESTROY THE
HUMANKIN...!

...OH
REALLY?



AND YET THE KING CHOSE TO SUMMON STRANGERS FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFERENT WORLDS OR DIMENSIONS WORK.

BUT...

I DON'T THINK THEY CARE ABOUT OUR COUNTRY ENOUGH THAT THEY WOULD RISK THEIR LIVES FOR IT.



WHEN THE KING CHANGES, THE POLICIES ALSO CHANGE.



IT WAS THE NEW KING WHO SENT US THAT PEACE TREATY.

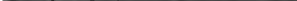
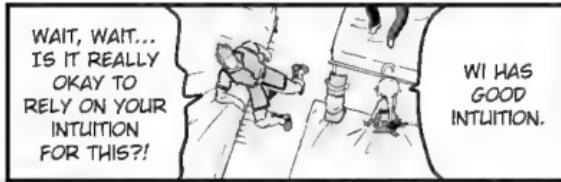






HEY, HE'S NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON!











I'M GLAD
I HAVE
GOOD
COMPANY!

WOW! I
THOUGHT
I WAS
GONNA
BE ALL
ALONE
HERE!



MY NAME'S
TENNEY
KWES!

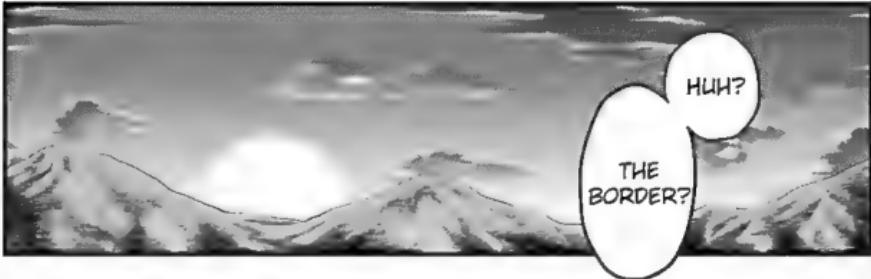
IT'S GOT
ME ALL
WORN
OUT!

GOTTA SAY,
IT'S REALLY
LIVELY OUT
THERE!

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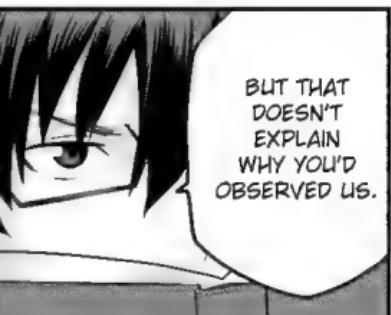












Huh?

Moonlight?
Fan?

ACTUALLY,
I'M A FAN OF
MOONLIGHT-
SAN RIGHT
HERE.

OH, WELL
IT'S PRETTY
EMBARRASING
...

SHE'S AN
S-RANK,
WHICH IS THE
HIGHEST
LEVEL FOR
PEOPLE NOT
IN GUILDS!

THE NAME OF
"MOONLIGHT"
IS VERY
WELL-KNOWN
AMONG THE
"BEAST'S CAGE"
AND VETERAN
ADVENTURERS
ALIKE!

WINKAH
JIO.
"MOON-
LIGHT" IS
HER
SECOND
NAME.

WHAT?
YOU MEAN
YOU
DON'T
KNOW?

TH-THAT'S
INCREDIBLE,
WI!



I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO KEEP OUR IDENTITIES A SECRET.

ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M ALWAYS TOGETHER WITH MUIR.

N-NO. I DON'T GET MYSELF INVOLVED WITH OTHER ADVENTURERS IN GENERAL...

OLD MAN, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

Y-YEAH
...

AND HE'S UNUSUALLY CALM... IT ALL SEEMS FISHY TO ME...

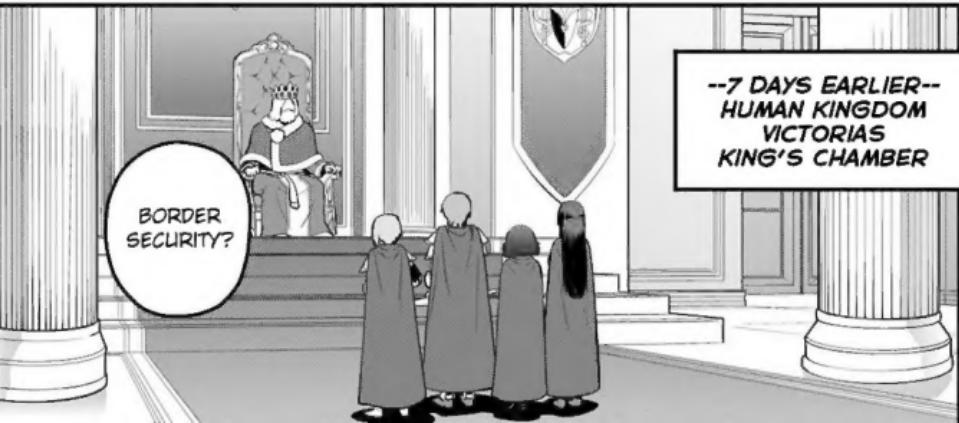
BUT WHEN HE ENTERED THIS ROOM, HE DIDN'T EXPRESS JOY WHEN HE NOTICED THE ANTENNA GIRL...

STILL, HE SAYS HE'S A FAN...

WI DOESN'T SENSE MALICE FROM HIM. IT'S FINE.

HIIRO.





YES.

CAPTAIN VALE WON'T BE ACCOMPANYING YOU, BUT YOU CAN CONTACT HIM THROUGH YOUR ARTIFACTS. I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR TRAVELING EXPENSES. I WANT YOU TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS.

MOST DO NOT APPEAR IN HUMANKIN TERRITORY AT ALL, BUT I DO BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

THE BORDER IS CLOSE TO BEASTKIN TERRITORY AND THE OCEAN, SO RARELY DO ANY MONSTERS APPEAR THERE.

YES,
SIRE!

WE
WON'T
DISAP-
POINT
YOU!

THE HEROES MAKE THEIR
MOVE! AND THEN...

獸王國
クリア・キング
第1主女

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